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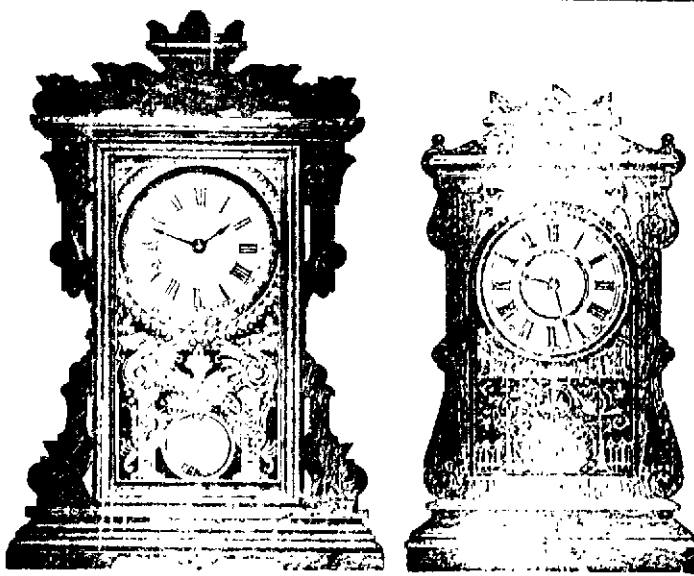






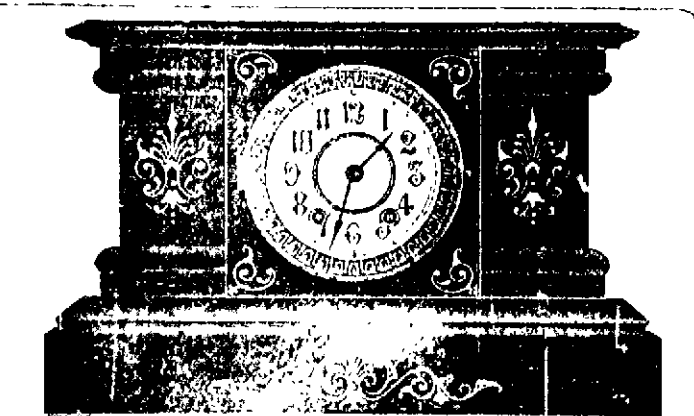


# CLOCKS!



WE are carrying the greatest line of CLOCKS ever shown by any house in Decatur, all the Old Reliable SETH THOMAS make. We have them in all kinds of WOOD, ONYX, MARBLE, GLASS, NICKEL, and in fact in every style they are made.

This is the time of year you need a New Clock. We shall be glad to show you at any time.



**OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,**  
Second Floor, China Department.

## THIS FINE WEATHER

Brings to our mind that you will be looking for a SPRING OVER-COAT or a Nobby Suit.

You will miss it if you do not step in and look over our UNEXCELLED LINE.

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**BRYAN, JONES & CO.,**  
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We have left behind us another milestone on the highway of our business career, and are now entering upon the 37th year of entering to the wants of the public.

We will, as heretofore, aim to please, and you can rest assured that the best of everything to be found in a first-class meat market will always be offered you.

Thanking you for past patronage bestowed and respectfully soliciting a continuance of the same we remain,

**Imboden Bros.**

**A BIG LOT**  
—OF—  
**Ladies' Oxford Ties,**  
(LOW SHOES)  
In All the Latest Styles.  
ALSO A LOT OF  
**Rustic Oxfords.**  
THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.  
Come and see them. They are Beauties.

**WALTER HUTCHIN**  
117 North Water St. Sign of the Big Shoe.

# SPRING IS COMING

And you will want your Carpets cleaned.  
**ELECTRIC CLEANSER**  
will do the work. Carpets can be cleaned without taking up.  
It is equally good for cleaning clothes.  
For Sale by  
**KING & WOOD.**

THURSDAY EVE, MARCH 17, 1902.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT F. LITTON as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce FRANK J. WICKENS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

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# COMING THREATS

A Great Gathering at the Grand Friday and Saturday.

Decatur's entertaining capacity will be tested to the limit this week—Friday and Saturday—when the eighth annual meeting of the Central Illinois Teachers' association will be held at the Grand Opera House. It will bring to our city 600 to 800 teachers, and will be the greatest educational meeting Decatur has ever had. All of the hotels will be crowded, and the houses of scores of our citizens who have been asked to give entertainment for value received, will have as many guests as they can accommodate. The sessions at the opera house will be open to everybody. The Decatur schools will be dismissed to-night until Monday, March 25, in order that teachers and pupils may enjoy the occasion. The officers of the association are:

President—J. W. Thompson, Charleston, Mo.  
Secretary—Miss Vera Smith, Decatur.  
Treasurer—J. J. Wilkinson, St. Louis.  
Executive Committee—M. Moore, Beardstown; S. C. Hanson, Oakburg; E. H. Griffith, Danville.

**PROGRAM.**  
MORNING SESSION—FRIDAY, MARCH 15.  
9:00—Music.  
9:30—Welcome Address: J. M. Coker, Decatur.  
10:00—Vocal Solo.  
10:30—President's Address.  
11:00—J. W. Thompson, Charleston.  
11:30—Third grade, Decatur.  
12:00—Lunch.  
1:00—Discussion.  
1:30—Miscellaneous business.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
2:00—Music.  
2:30—Address: J. M. Coker, Decatur.  
3:00—Vocal Solo.  
3:30—J. W. Thompson, Charleston.  
4:00—Third grade, Decatur.  
4:30—Lunch.  
5:00—Discussion.  
5:30—Miscellaneous business.

**EVENING SESSION.**  
7:00—Music.  
7:30—Address: J. M. Coker, Decatur.  
8:00—Vocal Solo.  
8:30—J. W. Thompson, Charleston.  
9:00—Third grade, Decatur.  
9:30—Lunch.  
10:00—Discussion.  
10:30—Miscellaneous business.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**  
OUR line of baby carriage is in and we want you to see them. Over 80 styles to select from. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW.  
Dress & Box, tailors.  
Stocks the old reliable K. & W. cigar, 17-00.  
Rock Plaster—best known plastering material. 17-00.  
For kindling wood ask F. C. Caldwell, the coal dealer. 24-0001.  
Rock Plaster will not fall off, and is a great fire retarder. 17-00.  
Rock Plaster saves you weeks' time in getting in your house. 17-00.

A MARRIAGE license was issued to-day to John A. Gregory and Miss Marie Burke, both of Maroa.

WARRANT—A girl to do general housework in a small family at good wages. Call at 725 West Main street. 8-010.

This afternoon the members of the Decatur Gun Club are holding their regular shoot at East Park boulevard.

Several BARGAINS in Gents', Ladies' and Children's Knitted underwear and Undershirt Shirts, at Linn & Scruggs D. G. & Co.

We have just received large inventories of fresh garden and flower seeds. The Spencer & Lehman Company, corner Main and Wood streets. Feb 17-0002m.

H. A. Robinson, employed as watchman in the E. H. P. yard, was laid up at his home on account of bruises and injuries which he received in a fall in the yards to-day.

ROCK PLASTER is little affected by water and will not fall off from leaking. 17-00.

Five Ancient Order of Hibernians ran an excursion train of four coaches and one baggage car over the Wabash to-day in Chicago, in charge of Conductor O'Brien.

DANCE FRAMBOUSE, while at work in the Wabash shops yesterday, accidentally struck his right hand with a sledge hammer, inflicting a very painful injury. Dr. W. B. Hostetter attended him at his home on North Church street.

To-day, thirty-eight years ago, March 17, 1864, St. Patrick's day, occurred the burning of the old Herrell house, which stood where the European hotel now stands. This incident will be readily remembered by many of the old settlers.

It is not the extremes of heat and cold so much as the sudden changes in temperature that cause certain climates to be unwholesome. When, however, the system is invigorated with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, these changes are rarely attended with injurious results.

**Horrible Death.**  
Word comes from the cottonwood neighborhood, near Shawneetown, Ill., that Florence Dangley, 10 years old, died yesterday from hydrophobia. She was bitten three years ago and nothing had been thought of the matter for a long time. Her death is described as having been a terrible one.

**Chicago Grain Market.**  
The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. to-day, received by B. Z. Taylor.  
LIVE STOCK—Estimated receipts—Hogs—32,000; 10 lower.  
Cattle—18,000; steady.  
GRAIN—Cash—Wheat 197; Corn 350; Oats 197.  
MARCH. APRIL. MAY.  
WHEAT \$ .82 1/2 \$ .83 1/2 \$ .84 1/2  
CORN .37 1/2 .38 .38 1/2  
OATS .25 .25 .25

**Wanted—Ladies to know that the famous Blush of Roses is the Effect of toilet articles. The effect is immediate, delightful, refreshing and clearing and gives a lovely complexion. Sold by Seawing & Taylor.**

New and elegant styles of Gingham, Prints, Foulie du Nord, Pique, Bedford Noirette, and other new wash fabrics, on sale at Linn & Scruggs D. G. & Co.

YOUNG WARRIOR of Chicago, was attacked by the police and may die from his wounds.

A NEW congressional party has been knocked out of him pretty quick in Washington.

TAKEN UP—A sore draft filly, white face; also a leather halter. H. C. JOHNS.

WANTED—A good, stout boy, not afraid to work, who wants to learn how to make candy at 100. W. BURHART & CO., place to East Eldorado street.

FOR RENT—A two-story building on East Eldorado street, between North Main and North Water streets. Inquire of T. W. BURHART, at East Main street.

# PERSONAL MENTION.

E. G. Allen is in Chicago. Miss Lizzie Knicker is on the sick list. Bob Birnie is in Lovington to-day on business.

W. L. Shalabarger left last night for Chicago. Lou Blakeney is visiting friends in Georgetown.

Miss Mattie Babcock is visiting friends in Bloomington. C. B. Turner is in Champagne county to-day on business.

F. C. Myers was last night for New York City on business. Mrs. W. F. Martin is in Forsyth visiting Mrs. Henry Martin.

H. C. Anthony returned last night from a business trip to Chicago. Miss A. E. Toole is expecting her sister, Mrs. Doyler, of St. Louis.

Hoo. R. H. Woodcock of Macao was in the city last evening on business. Paul H. Honan, of Bancroft, Mo., is a guest of Henry Egan and family.

Harmer Corley of Paris, the guest of his brother, Attorney D. O. Corley. Mrs. C. E. Smith and son have returned from a visit with relatives in Chicago.

Silas Packard and family left to-day for Hot Springs, where they will visit for several weeks. Will Sullivan of Fumak, Wis., is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Den Chamberlain.

Mrs. John Freeman of Mowqua, is in the city visiting her son, John B. Freeman and wife. George Raper, the grocer at Mauley & Son's Mercantile street store, is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Elias and daughter, Mrs. Cora, of Mount were in the city last evening on business. Daniel Whitman departed to-day for Asheville, N. C., to join his wife and son, who have been visiting relatives in that city.

Miss Mame Freeman, accompanied by her cousin, Ben Shur-Jeff, of Boston, returned from a visit with relatives in Mowqua. Mrs. Joseph Londenbrook of Bennett, arrived in Decatur yesterday to visit Andrew Dennis and family at their home in the city.

Hon. J. H. Burke, of Sullivan, is in the city to-day. He is on his way to the trial right now at Sullivan and is here to secure pointers. Miss Eva Smith of Lovington, who has been in the city visiting Mrs. Water Liston, left to-day for Waukegan, Ill., on a visit to relatives.

Misses Clara Vaughan and Lottie Forth, and Harry Scott went to Belknap to-day to attend a convention of the High School at that place to-night. Dr. Will Barnes was called to Elkhart, Ind., yesterday, by the illness of John Gillett. Miss Jessie Gillett, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Barnes, accompanied the doctor.

Mrs. A. M. Stat on is visiting friends in Lincoln, Ill. She was joined there by Mrs. George Redolph, of Chicago, who will return to Decatur with Mrs. Staton and visit friends in the city.

Springfield News: Harry Staley left yesterday for Fulton, Ky. From there he goes to Clarksville, Va., where he joins the Boston League, they having secured him as a member of the team.

John A. Stevering has recently recovered from the effects of a sprained ankle, and is able to be at his place of business, 100 North Main street, for him to use a cane to walk about the room.

**BLOCKADE AT NIANTIC.**  
The Wabash train bosses and train crews of two freight trains are having more grief to-day at Niantic than they expected to run up against on St. Patrick's or any other day. Since early this morning a heavy engine has been off the rails at the west end of the bridge at Niantic, and at the west end several box cars are derailed. The wreck crew is at Niantic trying to remove the blockade of the main track so that the east bound passenger train due here at 11:15 a. m. can get through. The obstructions had not been removed at 2 p. m., and probably the track will not be cleared until late this evening. The wreck crew has an ugly job on hand, but they will succeed. Nobody hurt.

**Entertainment.**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Mueller gave a most enjoyable program of water party last evening at their home on West Wood street to a company of friends. The game was very interesting and at times quite spirited. The lady's first prize was a handsome cake-plate, the consolation prize a pin tray. The gentleman's first prize, a plush card-case, the consolation a fountain pen of cards. Mrs. W. F. Busher won the ladies' first prize, and for the gentleman's first prize, a handsome cake-plate, the consolation prize a pin tray. The gentleman's first prize, a plush card-case, the consolation a fountain pen of cards.

**James' Chapel Again.**  
Edwison Republishers—In your issue of March 10th you say it is understood that Rev. Bradshaw will vacate the premises (James' Chapel). In reply: We have been asking the M. E. church for an equitable settlement by arbitration for a year past; also of late two hundred citizens of Decatur have recommended the same. The case was not laid over with any understanding or promise that Rev. Bradshaw would vacate, except by an equitable settlement and our money, dollar for dollar, refunded. We don't want one nickel, only what belongs to us. A. BRADSHAW.

**For Collector.**  
Captain R. P. Lytle, who has given Decatur township such excellent service as collector of legally imposed taxes, is announced to-day as a candidate for re-nomination for the office of collector, subject to the action of the Republican township convention. The captain is one of the best collectors the township has ever had, and he has demonstrated that he is a successful vote getter. His nomination would be equivalent to election.

**A Week of Plays.**  
The English Goodrich Comedy company will fill an engagement of five nights at the Grand next week, opening Monday night in "Myrtle Ferns," changing the bill each evening. This company was here last summer and made a very favorable impression. Its return will be hailed with pleasure. People's prices will be charged.

**Oakley Republicans.**  
The Republicans of Oakley township met in convention and nominated the following ticket:  
Supervisor—W. C. Bailey  
Clerk—George Diller  
Assessor—James C. Peck  
Collector—J. E. Wheeler  
Commissioner—George Deussenbaugh  
Delegates to County Convention—Capt. Wm. Grasso and J. H. McCoy.

**Opened To-night.**  
The Thistle Hotel and Restaurant on East Eldorado street in the Dougherty Building will be formally opened to-night by a grand reception and masquerade ball. A grand time is anticipated.

**The Democrats.**  
To-night the Democrats of Decatur township will hold their primary meeting and will select delegates to the township convention. Delegates to the county convention will also be chosen. It is given out semi-officially that the state Democratic delegates will be instructed for Palmer for president, and Altgeld for governor.

**Paralyzed.**  
David Brockway, in the 84th year of his age, is lying in a critical condition at his home on West Cerro Gordo street. A few days ago his entire right side was paralyzed. He cannot speak, but he recognizes his family and friends. Another stroke is anticipated.

**Ten most reliable make of Ladies' Mink Ulr-dress and Furst Covers at Scruggs D. G. & Co.**

# A GRAND DISPLAY.

Heavenly Phenomena Which Entertained the People Yesterday Afternoon.

The residents of Decatur were treated to another handsome display of coloring in the sky, yesterday afternoon, the hues about the sun being in some respects more complete than those that charmed the gaze the day before. At 3 o'clock the entire sky was covered with a certain of this haze, the sun shining brightly through. Soon two brilliant meteors in the shape of mockers placed themselves in either side of the sun, Apollo, and a row, more distinct than that of the day before, took form in the zenith with its convex side in the west. The full rings were not as complete as those of Tuesday, nor were the mock snus so bright. But the crowing glory of the phenomenon was reached when a pure white band shot across the sky through the sun, and the mock snus on either side, and continuing formed almost a complete circle around the dome of bliss, resulting in the most perfect meteoric arch that had not last long, but it was a grand display within existence. The scene is not so uncommon in colder climates, but so fine a display was never witnessed in Decatur before.

**Macon County and That Vote.**  
Connecting on the action of the Republican congressional committee, at its recent meeting in Decatur, in connection with the vote on Platt county's effort to reduce the McLean representation at the convention, the Monticello Herald says:

"Mr. Tuman went to the committee meeting dressed on 'topping' apparel. His motion disclosed the fact that Kanna's candidacy is a sham, or else the Macon county Republicans will support Mr. Funk in preference. Logan's position was also rather accurately located. It looks as though B. F. Funk will be the next nominee."

The decision of the committee was not in the interest of Captain Kanna nor any other candidate who may be before the convention, but was made in a spirit of fairness and in conformity with a long-standing custom, and besides the duties of the committee ended when it fixed the time and place for holding the nominating convention. Macon county combines more business and manufacturing interests than all the other counties in the district, and Macon county in no sense can be made trading stock in the interest of any candidate.

There is no reason why the Macon county delegates, 14 in number, should not go into the convention solid for Captain Kanna, but there are many reasons why to do so would be good politics.

**Republican Primaries.**  
All Republican voters of Decatur township will meet to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, March 18th, at the places named below, for the purpose of selecting their proper number of delegates to represent the respective districts in a Republican Township Convention to be held at the court house on Saturday evening, March 19, at 7:30 o'clock, to wit:

1st District—At Rohrer's Drug Store, corner of Edmund and Calhoun streets.  
2d District—At Leo Gil's Grocery Store on North Broadway.  
3d District—At the Miller Bros. Factory on Market street, between North Water and Warren streets.  
4th District—At Hendrick's Wagon Shop on Green street.  
5th District—At R. J. Ross' Grocery Store on West Main street.  
6th District—At Mills Bros' Law Office.

7th District—At City Council Rooms.  
8th District—At Street Car Stables.  
9th District—Wm. Jacobs' Grocery Store, corner of Lawrence and Webster streets.  
10th District—At Martin's Card Office on East Eldorado street.  
11th District—At J. G. Starr & Son's Wholesale store.

**The Y. M. C. A. Lectures.**  
The following are the topics and dates on which a series of lectures have been compiled by the managers, to be given at the Y. M. C. A. rooms:  
March 1st—"First Aid to the Injured," by Dr. K. J. Brown.  
March 8th—"Business Economy," by K. P. Irving.  
April 1st—"Law and Christianity," Hon. W. C. Johnson.  
April 1st—"Press and People," Hon. W. F. Cannon, of the Northwestern.  
Each member of the association will be given a number of coupon tickets which he can hand to his gentleman friends.

**Sales of Ross Estate.**  
Ella Lutz to Charles Clark, quit claim lots 14 and 15, in S. 16, E. 35; 45 1/2 acres—\$10.  
George F. Lowe to Albert A. Lowe, deed to 92 1/2 acres in S. 15, E. 2, west—\$6,000.  
J. K. Warren et al to Samuel Carson, deed to lot 19, block 9, Carver's addition—\$225.  
Thos. Bowden to W. Orndall, quit claim to lots 4 and 5, block 16, Maroa—\$100.  
S. S. Jack to Peter M. Wyckoff, lots 11 and 12, in block 3, of Oakland Place—\$200.  
Fred A. Rhoderick to James C. Peck, lots 6 and 7 in school quarter of S. 17, T. 4, east, in Whitmore township—\$800.

**Peculiar Accident.**  
Sam'l Sells, a young farmer, met with a peculiar accident near Bloomington. He tripped in the dark and fell headlong forward. A piece of iron an inch in width and a quarter of an inch thick was driven through his eye and to a depth of six inches into the brain. He will die.

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# SENTATION IN COURT.

Judge Scofield Utters Words of Warning to Violators of Law.

Judge Scofield holding court at Carthage yesterday issued a warning to law-breakers in passing upon a criminal case before him. S. O. Smith, an ex-druggist of Plymouth, has been indicted for assaulting William McWherter, an officer of the Law and Order league of that town. Smith appeared in court with his attorney and was prepared to plead guilty to an assault. Judge Scofield asked State Attorney Holbrook to state the facts of the case, which he did. It appeared that Smith had assaulted McWherter in the night time in a cowardly manner and had broken his nose because McWherter had filed an information against Smith for selling whisky contrary to law.

"Oh," exclaimed Judge Scofield, "I thought such things," referring to the assault, "never happened. I will fine Mr. Smith \$100 and costs, and if Mr. Smith is in the room let me warn him not to appear in court again, under such a charge while I am on the bench. This is a serious matter, assaulting a citizen because he seeks to uphold a law."

Then pointing to a man sitting in the bar, who appeared to be fidgeting at something, Judge Scofield asked: "Is this Mr. Smith?" Being informed that it was not, Judge Smith demanded of the man in question: "Well, sir, what are you so scared about? Do these proceedings mean you to that extent? Be careful, sir, whenever you are, that you are not held for contempt of court."

The frightened spectator stammered out an apology, and the silence in court was painful. Smith's tribulations, he having now been fined \$100 for violating the law, will put a stop to illicit whisky selling in Plymouth for a while, at least.

**Political Notes.**  
The Will county Republican county convention yesterday instructed its delegates for Governor Fifer for governor, and Henry Strasson, of Will, for auditor. Gov Fifer is in Chicago, and in an interview yesterday said he would have a large majority of the Cook county delegation and spoke very positively of his chances for re-nomination, which he regarded as well assured.

The Republican convention of Randolph county, in which county the Decatur penitentiary is located, held its convention yesterday and instructed its delegates for Governor Fifer. The two wardens, Demant and Murphy, are to be congratulated on the delivery of the goods.

Concerning the report that he claimed sixty-two of the ninety-three delegates already elected to the state convention, Governor Fifer said he knew just about how the delegates stood, as he and his friends were keeping tab on the counties, but he wasn't prepared to make any statement on that point. It wouldn't do, because he didn't dare to appear boastful.

Judge A. J. Hunter of Paris, Democratic candidate for Governor, and J. B. Gill of Alu puyboro, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, were also in Chicago yesterday and called at Democratic State headquarters, at the Sherman House. While there Judge Hunter said that he had recently made a tour of the central and northern parts of the State, and visited 60 out of the 102 counties. He felt confident that he could secure the nomination as between Altgeld and Black, he said that Altgeld seemed to have the most editors and party leaders with him, but Black seemed to be the most popular of the two with the people. As to Republican prospects, he said that everything, so far as he could see, was for Fifer. Even in such counties as Winnebago and DeKalb, where the Lathams were very strong, he discovered no Republican opposition to Fifer. In all his travels he claimed that he scarcely heard Collins mentioned.

**Burnt At Honey Bend.**  
The early train, No. 45 on the Wabash road, bound for St. Louis, had a close call from destruction by fire at an early hour this morning, just before reaching Honey Bend, down on the St. Louis branch of the road. Between stations the express car in the train was discovered to be in flames, and it was by a close shave that the crew in charge of the train was enabled to cut out the burning car. It was thrown on a side track at Honey Bend, where it was burned out, to reduce itself to ashes. All of the contents were lost. It contained a safe and goods consigned from Toledo and other points to St. Louis and points westward, the value of which cannot be estimated. George Tuley, formerly of Decatur, was the messenger in charge of the car. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it probably started from the stove.

**Coming Next Week.**  
Beginning Monday evening March 21, and continuing 5 nights, the B'nai B'rith Goodrich company will occupy the Grand opera house, opening Monday evening, with her beautiful play, "Myrtle Ferns," and giving a change of play nightly. Prices only 10 1/2 and 30 cents. Those who remember the excellent performance given here by this company last fall will be pleased to hear of their return.

Saturday evening March 23, Mr. Lewis Morrison will appear in his Grand play, "Faust," which will be given with all the Great Banquet, Electrical Effects, Calceum Lights, etc. The Toledo Commercial says:

Lewis Morrison appeared at the Wheeler last night in his artistic and finished performance of "Faust." The play is produced with new scenery from that which was seen at Morrison was here in March, and the performance was in many respects better.

Mr. Morrison's "Faust" is a keen conception and the performance of a skilled actor, his delineation of the subtle, mocking, his long-still of hatred, his expression and voice, combine to make the part realistic.

JOHN L. SOLZGART is in Chicago.

# EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS

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## SMYRNA RUGS.

WE have just received a shipment of 500 Rugs purchased for spot cash from a manufacturer at a very Low Price; all new, fresh goods, handsome designs and rich colorings. We will put them on sale for this week at the following remarkably LOW PRICES:

- Size 21x45 - at \$1.21
- Size 30x60 - at 1.21
- Size 30x42 - at 1.19
- Size 26x54 - at 1.69
- Size 30x60 - at 2.38
- Size 36x72 - at 3.40
- Superior Quality Mats - at 49c

This is decidedly the best value in Rugs ever before shown.

We also have now on sale the Largest, Handsomest and Most Complete Stock of

## CARPETS,

Wall Paper and Window Shades,

In Central Illinois, and an intelligent public can see at a glance at our immense stock what a shallow mockery our would-be competitors are making of the ourselves by heralding forth their grand announcements.